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19 Feb 20
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The Honorable William M. "Mac" Thornberry
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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